

SENATE BILL 1975

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-303, relative to emergency communications districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-303(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) In order to maintain adequate 911 funding provided to emergency communications districts, the board shall annually distribute to each emergency communications district a base amount equal to the average of total recurring annual revenue the district received from distributions from the board and from direct remittance of 911 surcharges for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022; provided, that the board shall not distribute an amount that is less than the amount the district received in fiscal year 2022.

(2) On or before December 1, 2022, the board shall publish on its website the base amount calculated pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) for each emergency communications district.

(3) Beginning in 2031, during each fiscal year following the year in which the results of the federal decennial census is published by the United States census bureau, the board shall recalculate the base amount to each emergency communications district based on the population change within the boundaries of each emergency communications district during the preceding decade.

(4) On or before December 1, for each year the board makes the calculation pursuant to subdivision (e)(3), the board shall publish on its website the base amount

calculated pursuant to subdivision (e)(3) for each emergency communications district; provided, that the base amount must not be less than the amount received in fiscal year 2022.

(5) An emergency communications district established after the effective date of this act must receive a base amount from the board in an amount determined by the board.

(6) The board shall distribute one-sixth ($1/6$) of the base amount to emergency communications districts every two (2) months, beginning at the end of the second month of each fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.